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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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## Today

- **Enhanced risk of severe thunderstorms across W OK late this afternoon into the overnight hours; damaging winds and large hail are the main hazards, a few tornadoes also possible.**
  - **Slight risk of severe storms extends into much of the rest of OK and W/Central TX; damaging winds and large hail are the main threats and potential will last through the overnight hours.**
- **Marginal risk for flash flooding in S Cntrl TX**
- **Critical Fire Weather conditions across S & E NM into W TX and the TX/OK Panhandles.**

## Thursday - Sunday

- **Slight risk of severe thunderstorms across E OK, N & Central TX, and NW AR on Thursday; damaging winds and hail are the main threat, isolated tornadoes possible.**
- **Marginal risk for flash flooding Thursday and slight risk for flash flooding Friday in S Cntrl TX.**
- **Elevated fire weather conditions in E NM, W TX & W OK on Thursday.**
- **No significant weather is expected this weekend.**

## River Flood Status

- **Minor river flooding continues across parts of AR & LA. No significant impacts.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 2, 2018 – May 6, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Storms	W OK	E OK, N & Cntrl TX, NW AR	Cntrl & ETX		
	N, W & SW TX, Central & E OK				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	S-Cntrl TX	S-Cntrl TX	S-Cntrl TX		
Fire Weather	S&E NM into W TX and the TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, W TX, W OK			
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	Portions of LA & AR				

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.  
State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



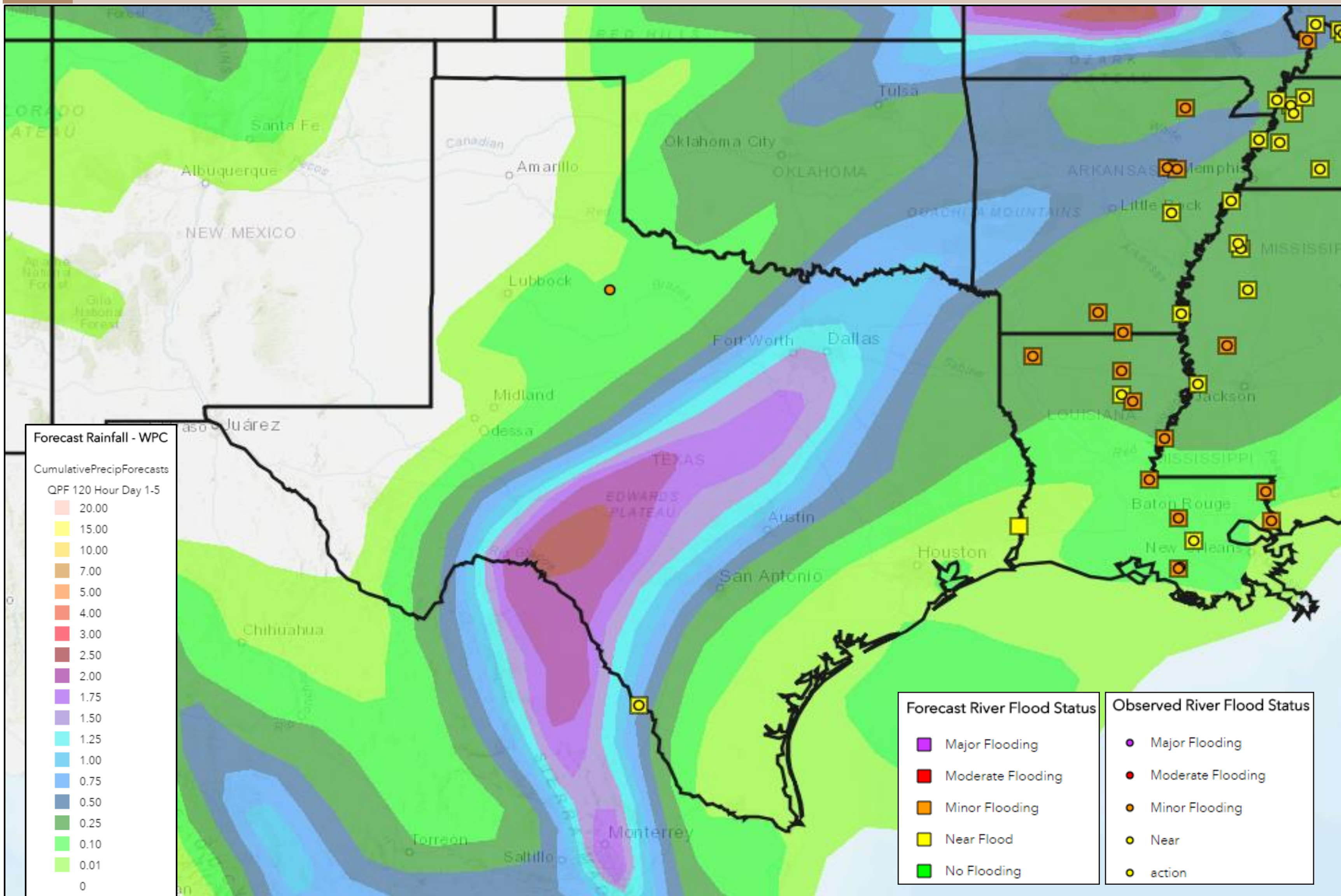
# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*

**Minor river flooding continues  
across portions of LA & AR.  
No significant impacts.**



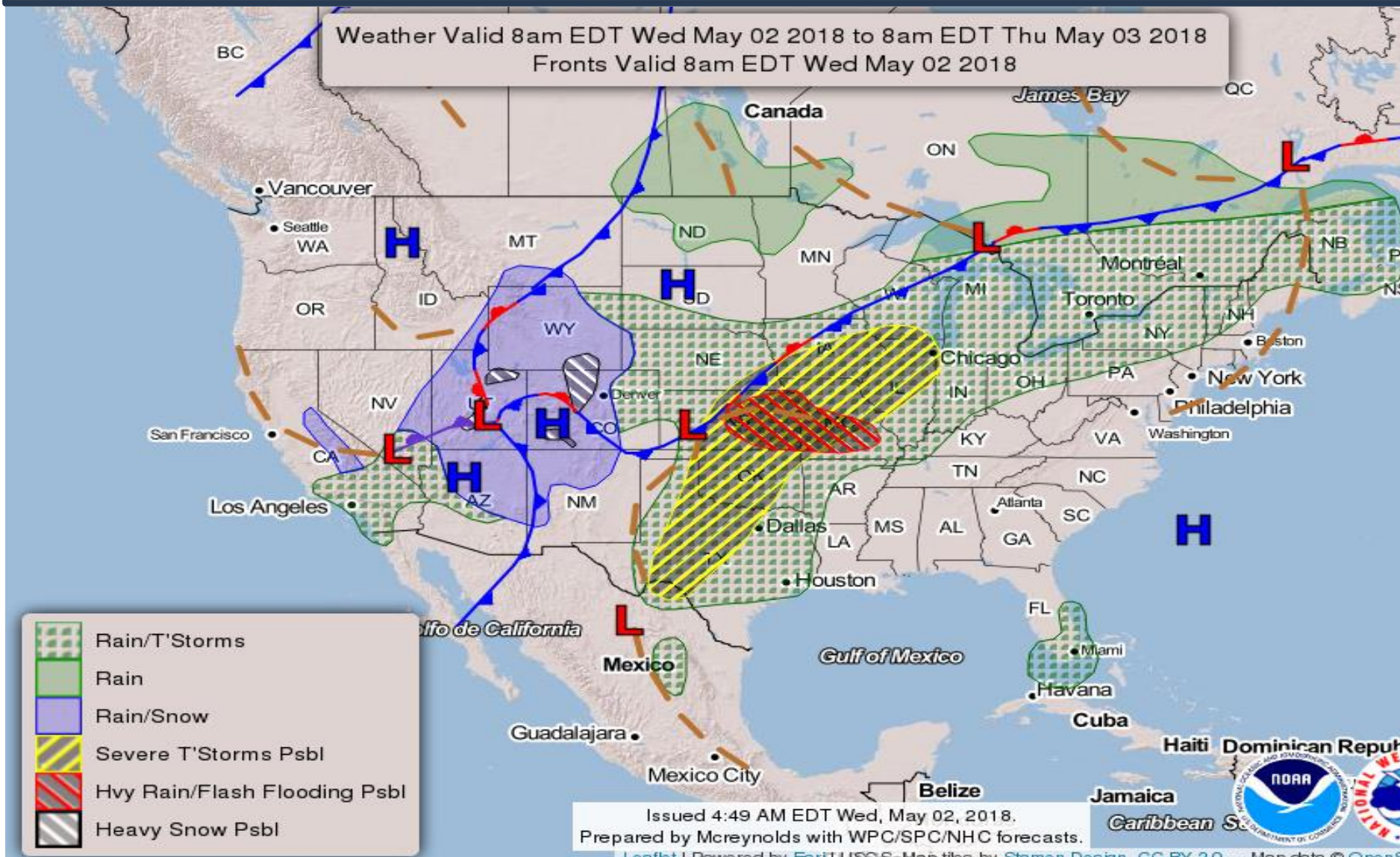


# Today's Weather

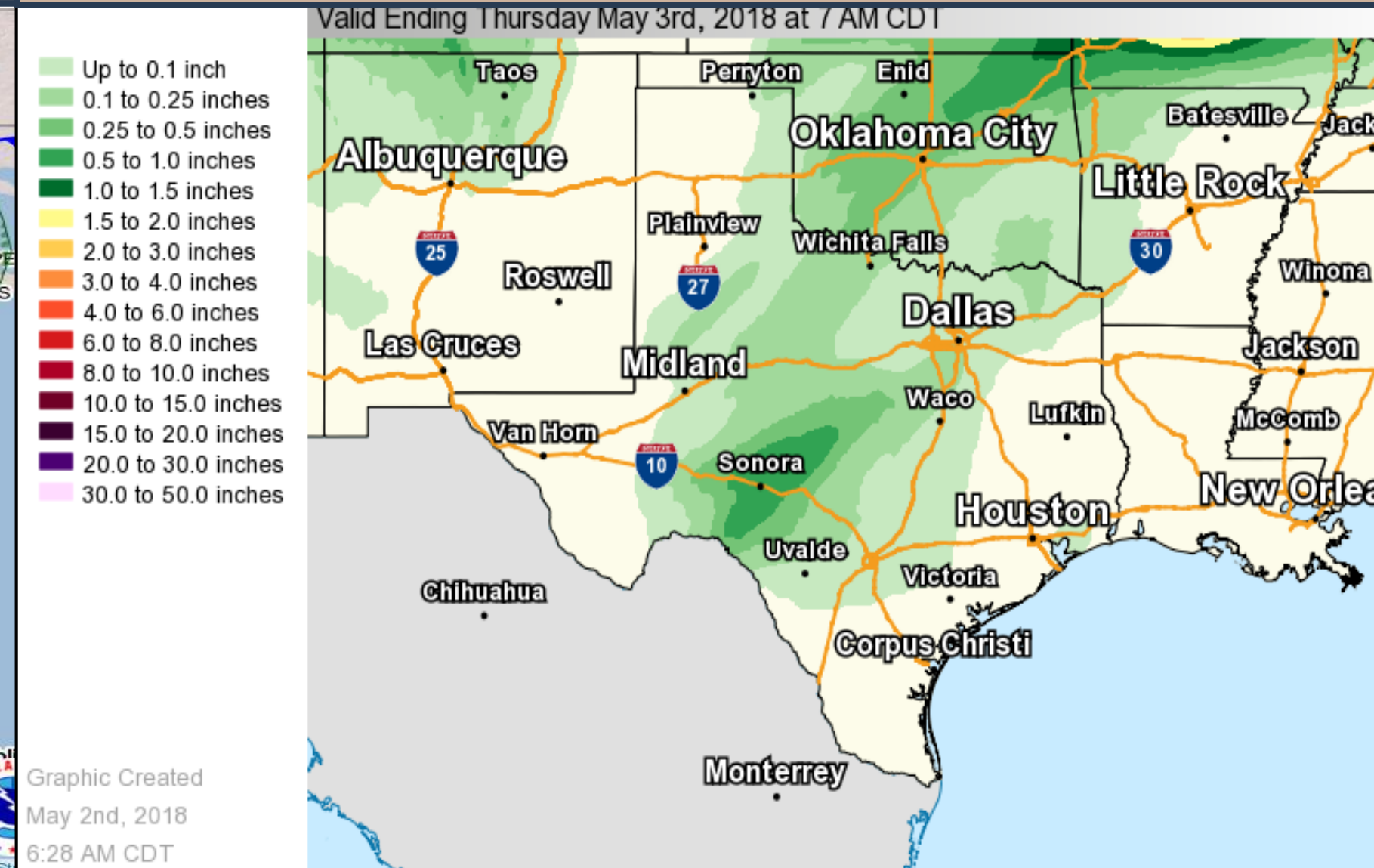


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## Forecast Chart



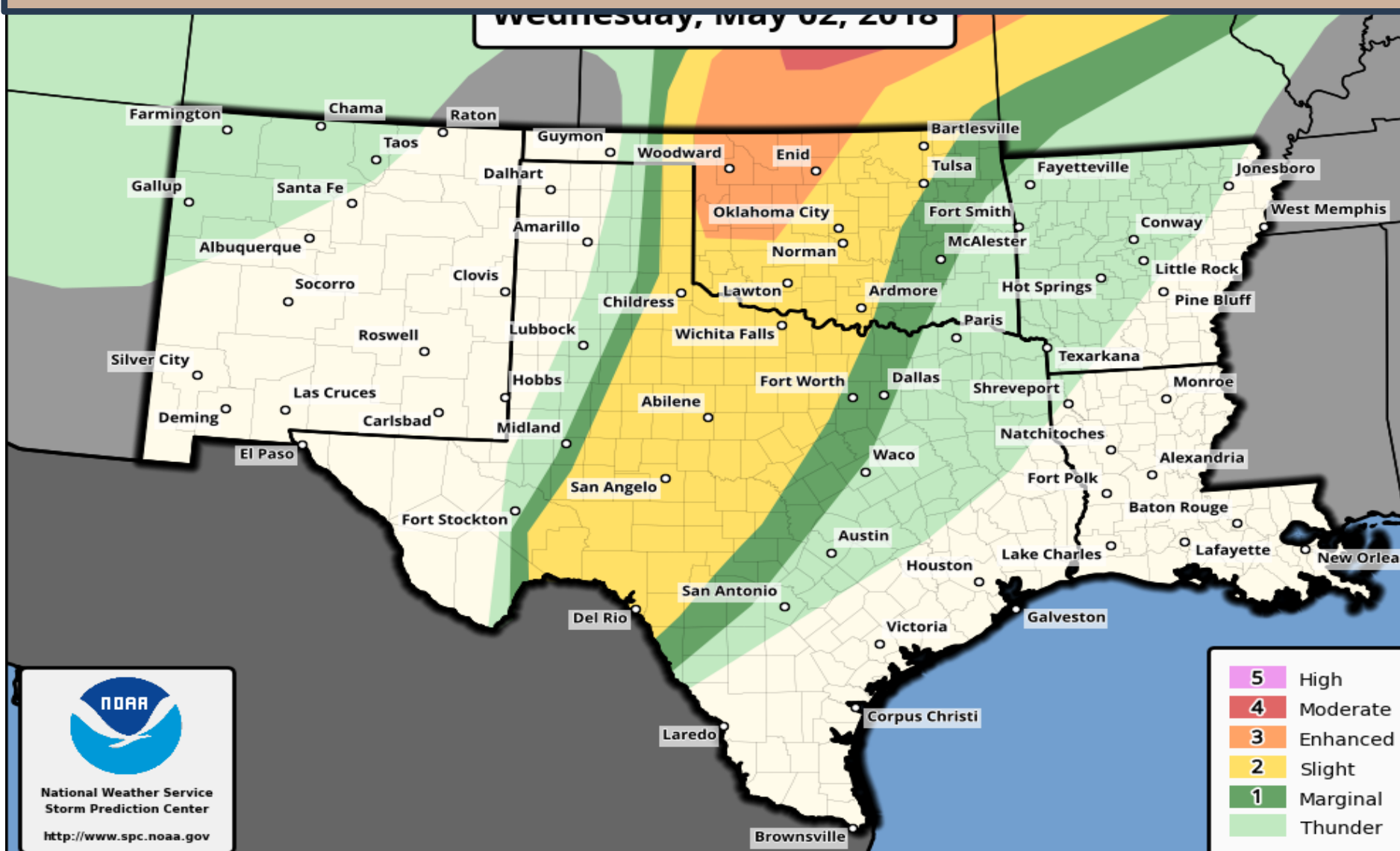
## Forecast Rainfall



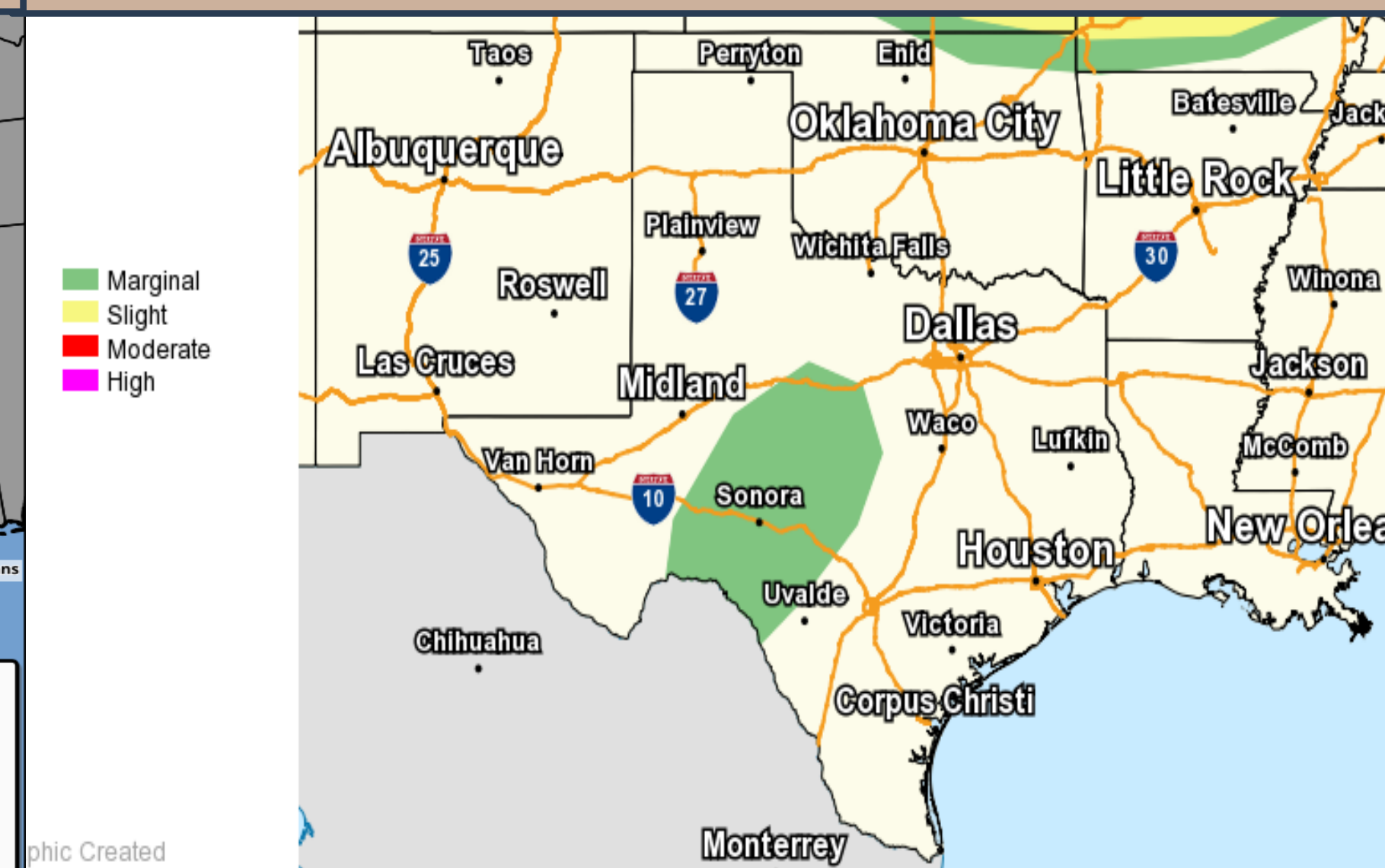
**Enhanced risk area for severe storms for W OK, mainly in the late afternoon into the evening and late night hours; large hail, damaging winds, and a few tornadoes will be possible.**

**The slight risk of severe storms extends into much of the rest of OK and down into W TX; large hail and damaging winds are the main threats with these storms this evening into the overnight hours, isolated tornadoes possible.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



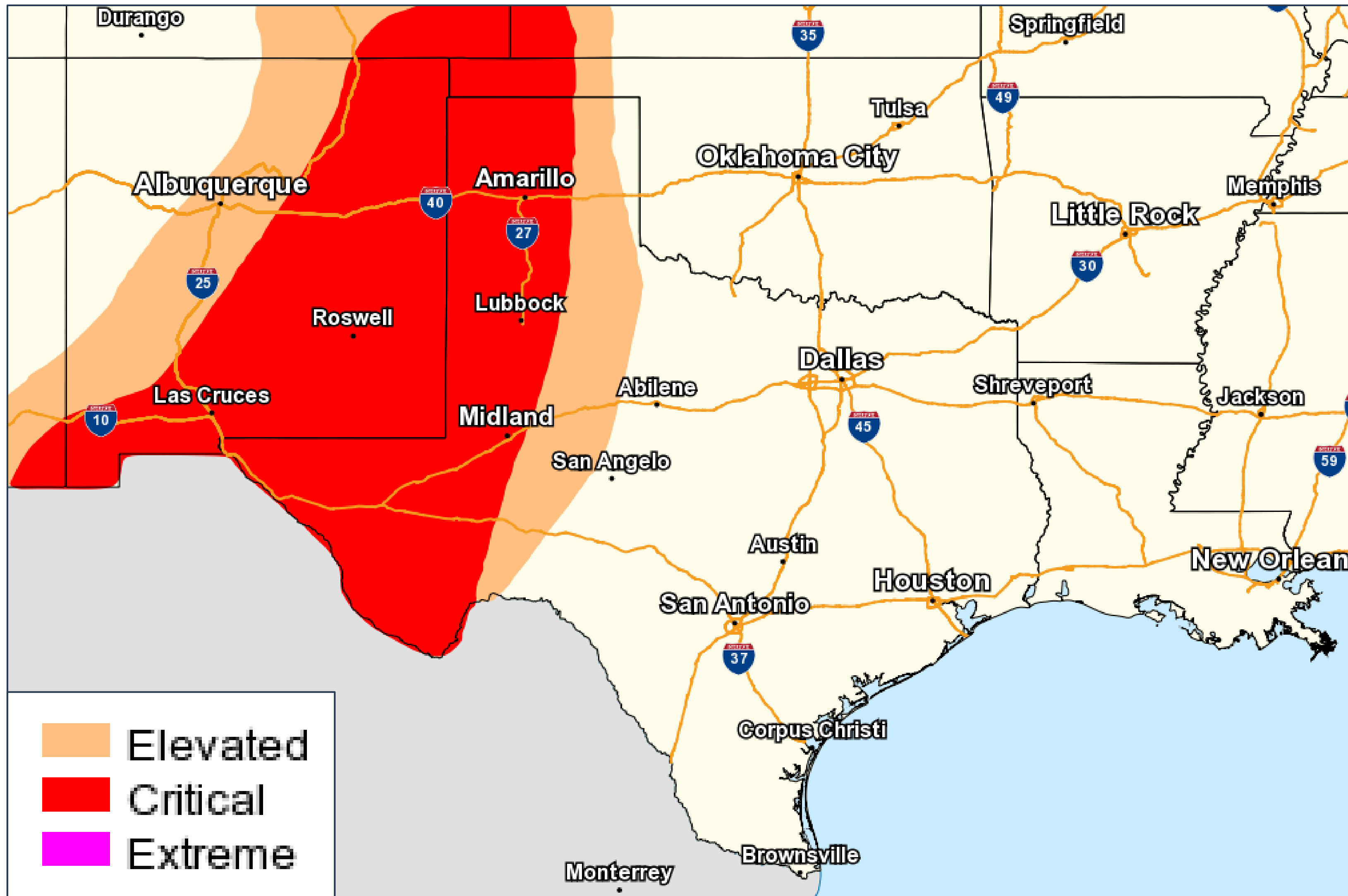
**Marginal risk of flash flooding for S-Central TX.**



# Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Critical fire weather conditions across S  
& E NM into W TX and the TX/OK  
Panhandles**



# Tomorrow's Weather



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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

**Slight risk of severe thunderstorms across E OK, North/Central TX, and NW AR.**

**Damaging winds & hail are the primary threats. Isolated tornadoes possible.**

**Marginal risk of flash flooding for S-Central TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

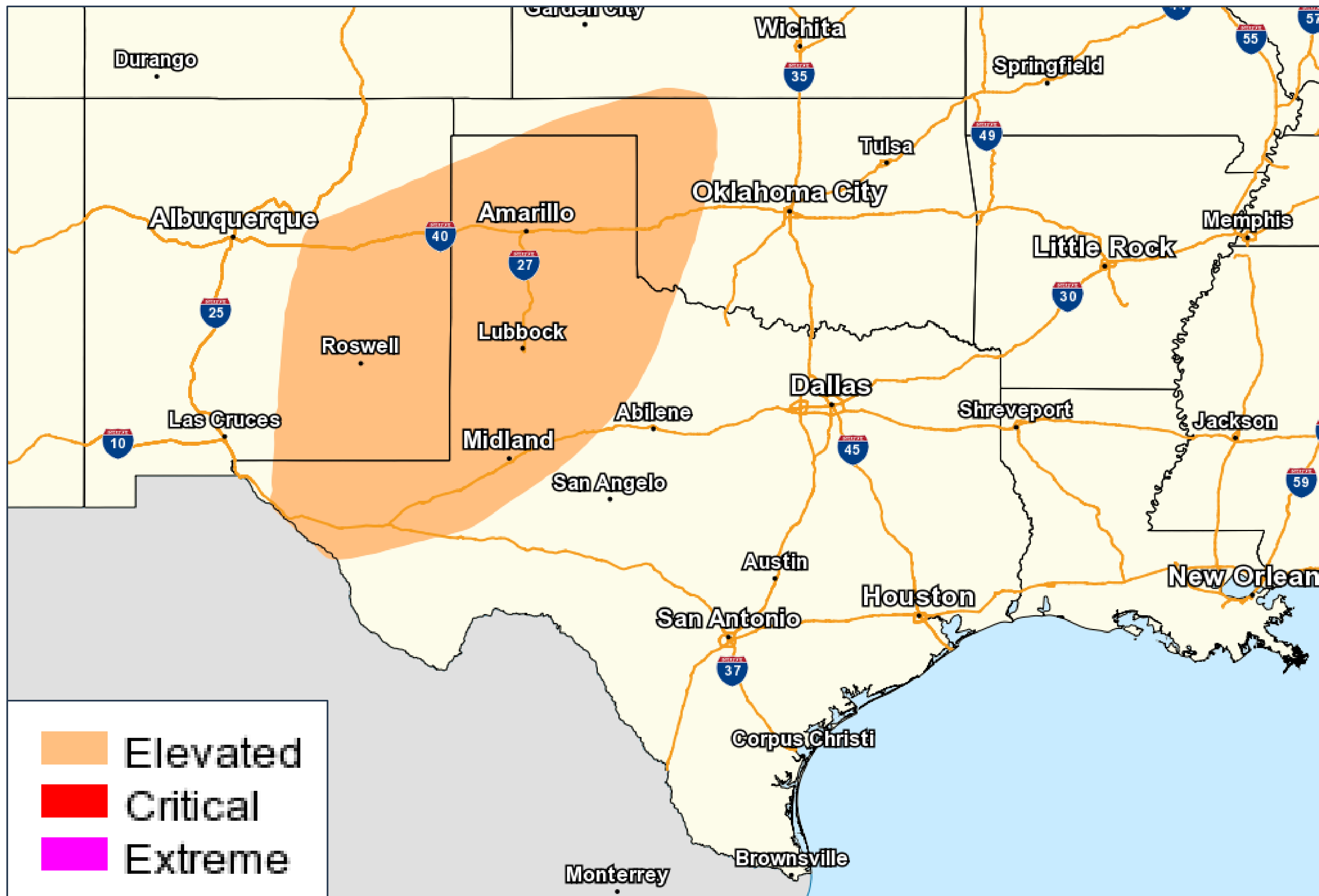
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



# Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Elevated fire weather conditions across  
E NM, W TX, and W OK.**



# Friday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall



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**Slight risk for flash flooding  
over S-Central TX.**

**Marginal risk of severe  
thunderstorms across  
S-Central & E TX.**

**Damaging winds & hail are  
the primary threats.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

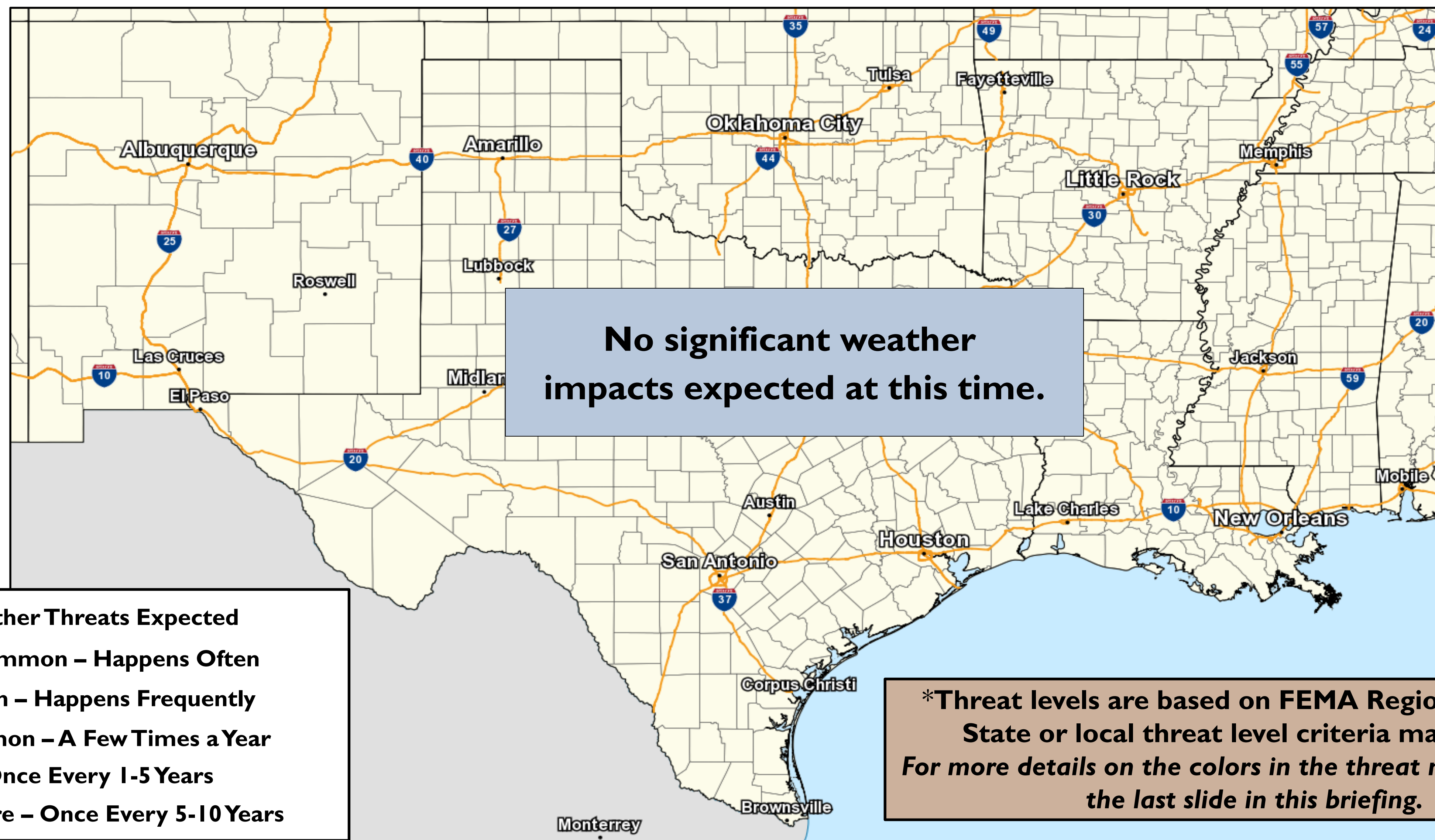


# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday



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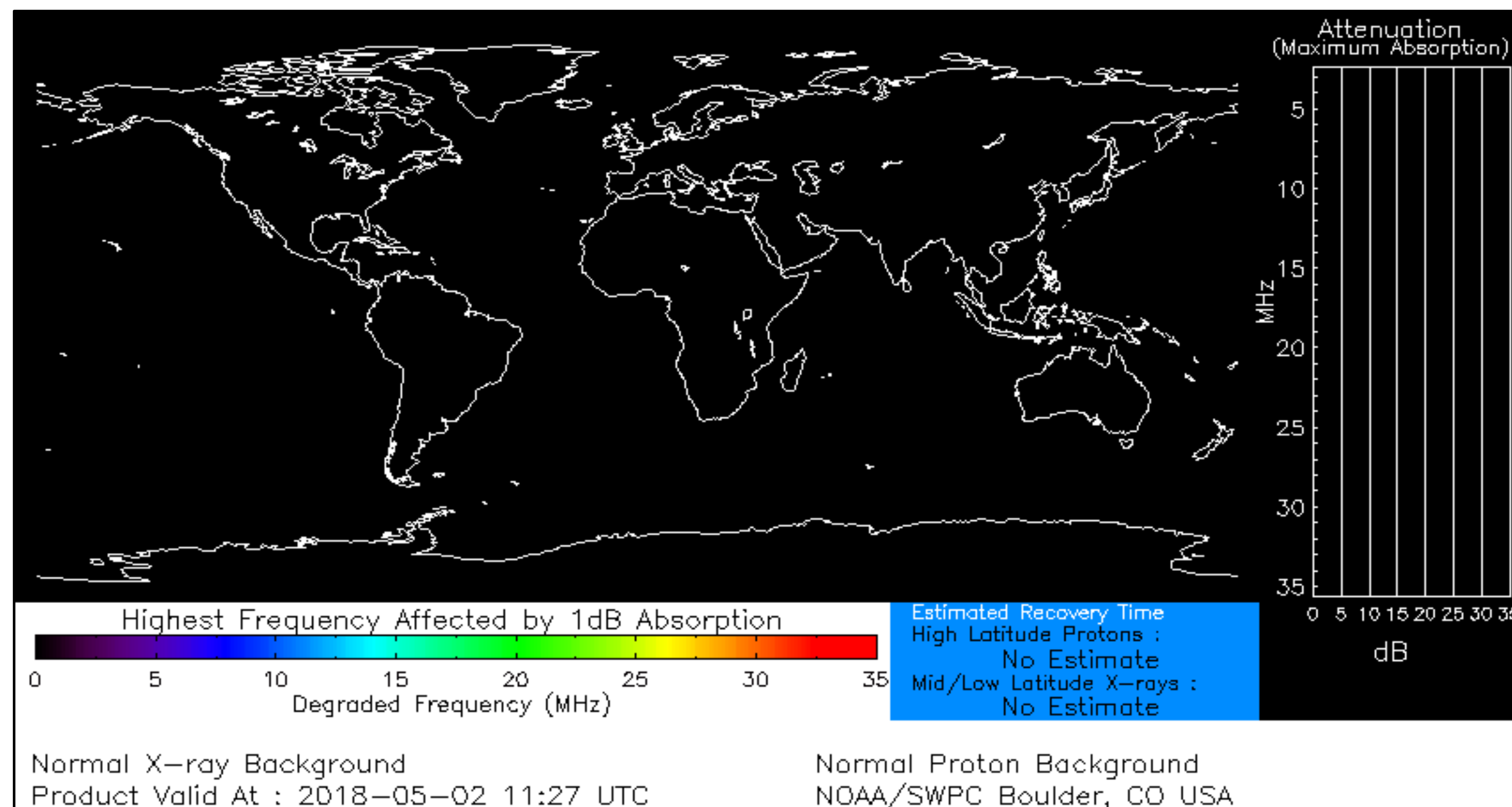


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



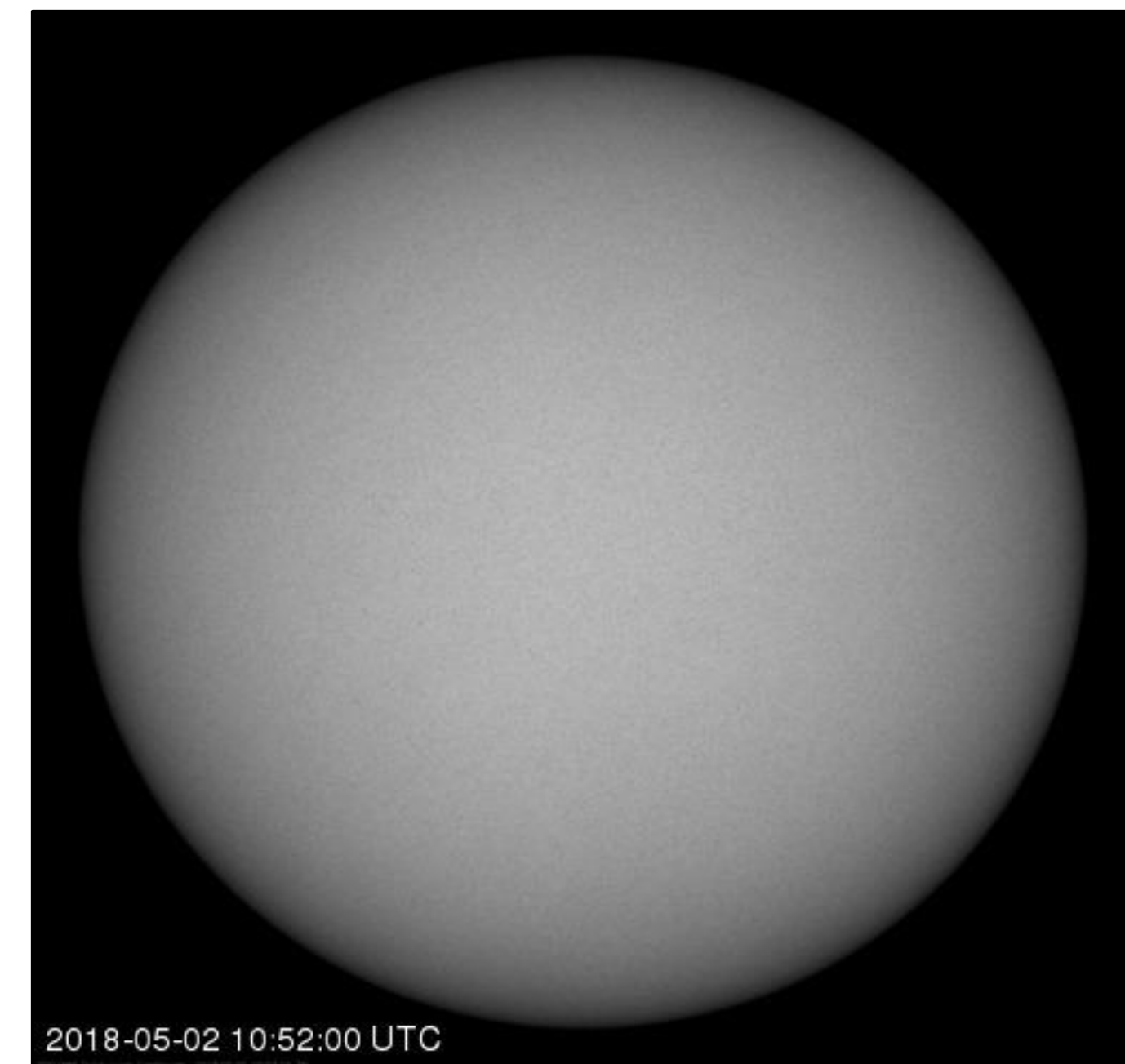
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)







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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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